



Arkansas Early Childhood Education Framework
Handbook for Three and Four Year Old Children Course

The 45-hour course entitled, *Arkansas Early Childhood Education Framework Handbook for Three and Four Year Old Children Course (AECE Framework Handbook Course)* has been designed to train early childhood professionals in the use of the *AECE Framework Handbook*.

The *AECE Framework Handbook Course* consists of three 15-hour classes. A participant may choose to take one or more of the classes. They may be taken in any order. The classes have been written to be stand-alone classes so participants can take the ones that interest them the most.

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The 45-hour *AECE Framework Handbook Course* consists of the following three 15-hour classes and lessons:

***Class 1 – Arkansas Early Childhood Education Framework Handbook for Three and Four Year Old Children:
An Introduction***

- ◆ Overview of the *AECE Framework Handbook*
- ◆ The *AECE Framework* and Curriculum Development
- ◆ Knowing Children: Theory and Research
- ◆ Knowing Children: Child Development
- ◆ Preparing the Environment

***Class 2 – Arkansas Early Childhood Education Framework Handbook for Three and Four Year Old Children:
Curriculum Planning and Activities***

- ◆ Reviewing the *AECE Framework Handbook*
- ◆ Developing Topics of Study
- ◆ Planning Activities
- ◆ Engaging Families
- ◆ Involving Communities

***Class 3 – Arkansas Early Childhood Education Framework Handbook for Three and Four Year Old Children:
Observation and Assessment***

- ◆ Reviewing the *AECE Framework Handbook*
- ◆ Assessment and Curriculum
- ◆ Observation and Written Records
- ◆ Checklists
- ◆ Using the *Developmental Rating Scale*
- ◆ Portfolios and Storage
- ◆ Sharing Assessment

The training offers child care professionals:

- ◆ Instruction in the use of the *AECE Framework Handbook*, curriculum planning and activities, and assessment and observation in the preschool classroom.
- ◆ A FREE participant manual.
- ◆ Opportunity for professional development and interaction with other child care professionals.
- ◆ A certificate of completion.
- ◆ Continuing Education Units (CEUs).